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TAGS: PREL PTER ETRD TU IZ

SUBJECT: U.S./TURKEY/IRAQ TRILATERAL PROCESSES: WHO WILL
REPRESENT THE U.S.?

REF: A. BAGHDAD 1827

1B. STATE 195610

1C. STATE 201785

1D. ANKARA 6312 AND PREVIOUS

Classified By: DCM Robert S. Deutsch for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (U) This is an action request--please see paras. five and
six.

12. (C) We appreciate Embassy Baghdad's clarification (ref a)
regarding the IIG's plans for separate trilateral
(U.S./IIG/GOT) talks on trucker/contractor security and on
border security/PKK issues. The Turks also believe these
should be separate talks.

13. (SBU) Both the IIG and the Turks are focusing on Nov. 29
as the date for trucker security talks at or near the Habur
Gate. Per ref a, we understand the IIG MFA's Neighboring
Countries Director will head the Iraqi delegation. We
understand from the Turks that an MFA Director General will
lead the GOT delegation, which will also include
representatives of the Turkish General Staff.

14. (SBU) Per ref b, and our discussions with the Turks, we
understand that the purpose of the talks is as follows:

--To share real-time information on the security situation on
roads from the border to Baghdad as well as the security
situation for Turkish contractors working in coalition
support.

--To discuss operational issues of convoy formation and
protection with relevant Iraqi and MNF-I commanders.

--Turkish officials may also raise their desire for
assistance from Iraqi and MNF-I commanders in obtaining
documentation to substantiate for insurance purposes trucks
and cargo lost in convoy.

15. (C) Action request: We hope to continue to pursue ref b
instructions for setting up trucker security talks. Both the
Turks and the Iraqis are lining up their delegations, and the
Turks have a good idea of the issues they want to raise. Per
ref b, we request Washington and Baghdad (including MNF-I)
identify the U.S. military and civilian representatives who
will participate in the discussions and address the issues in
para. four.

16. (C) Action request, cont.: The agenda for border
security/PKK talks was set out clearly in ref c, chiefly
focusing on steps the IIG could take in this area. We also
request that Washington and Baghdad consider who will
represent the USG at these talks.

17. Baghdad minimize considered.

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